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From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Wed 8/19/2015 10:42:10 PM
Subject: RE: attn: Caitlin Ketel re: Caribou & Carbonero

Just saw Martin – he still doesn't want any interviews. Let's try to answer them in writing – I'll forward what I had and you can supplement?

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From: Murray, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 4:21 PM
To: Hestmark, Martin
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Martin,

Let me know what you think. I'm fine with speaking with this reporter.

Bill

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 4:20 PM
To: Murray, Bill
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Hmm. Do you want to check with Martin about doing the interview? Maybe it's worth it.

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From: Murray, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 4:08 PM
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Lisa,

1. *Can you confirm a moratorium on all superfund emergency clean-up projects?*

I assume she's referring to the Gina McCarthy memo which has been clarified by a 8/14 OSWER memo. There is no general moratorium. There are many exclusions. The only site in my program that is on hold is Standard Mine outside of Crested Butte.

2. *How many Colorado mines have ceased operations? Around 50?*

Don't know what she means. Is she referring to the EPA cessation directive? The literal answer to her question is none.

3. *Can you speculate when that moratorium will be lifted?*

We have a process for re-starting work that is work in progress. Depends on site-specific conditions especially determining the risk of an uncontrolled release of mine waste water.

All these questions are tricky to answer in a few words. How would you propose that we respond to her?

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 3:56 PM
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Bill – can we give her a number on Colorado mines? (See 2nd question below).

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Thank you. Tomorrow morning works, too. Any time between 10:30 and 1 is preferred, but I'm willing to fit someone in at other times. Here are my questions:

1. Can you confirm a moratorium on all superfund emergency clean-up projects?
2. How many Colorado mines have ceased operations? Around 50?
3. Can you speculate when that moratorium will be lifted?

What's the status with the Caribou & Carbonero mines? Will the clean-up of these two Ophir area mines be similar to the Gold King Mine clean-up?

Thank you,

Caitlin

On Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 3:12 PM, McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov> wrote:

Caitlin – we are working on getting you answers but we do not have anyone available for an interview.

I'll be in touch.

Lisa

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